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# Parallel AMR Application Development with the SAMRAI Library

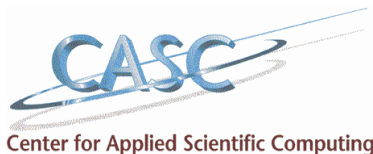
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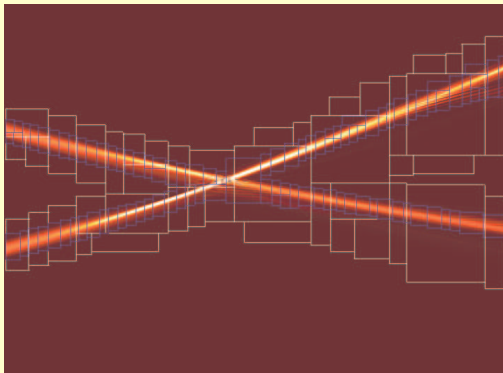


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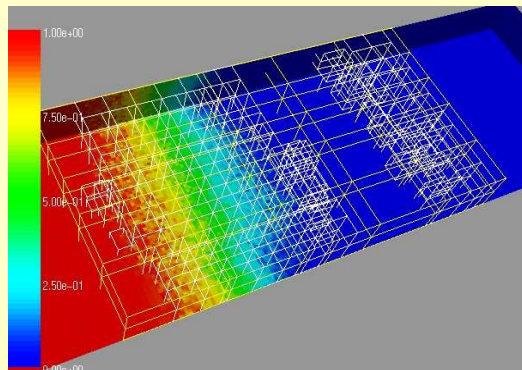
# SAMRAI

Structured Adaptive Mesh Refinement Application Infrastructure

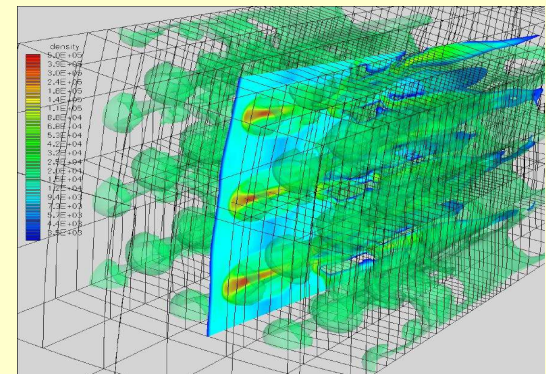
- AMR dynamically increases spatial and temporal grid resolution to resolve important local features
- SAMRAI is an object-oriented C++ framework that supports applications investigating multi-scale phenomena.
- Framework provides high-level reusable code and algorithms shared across a variety of applications.



Two beam laser interaction  
ALPS



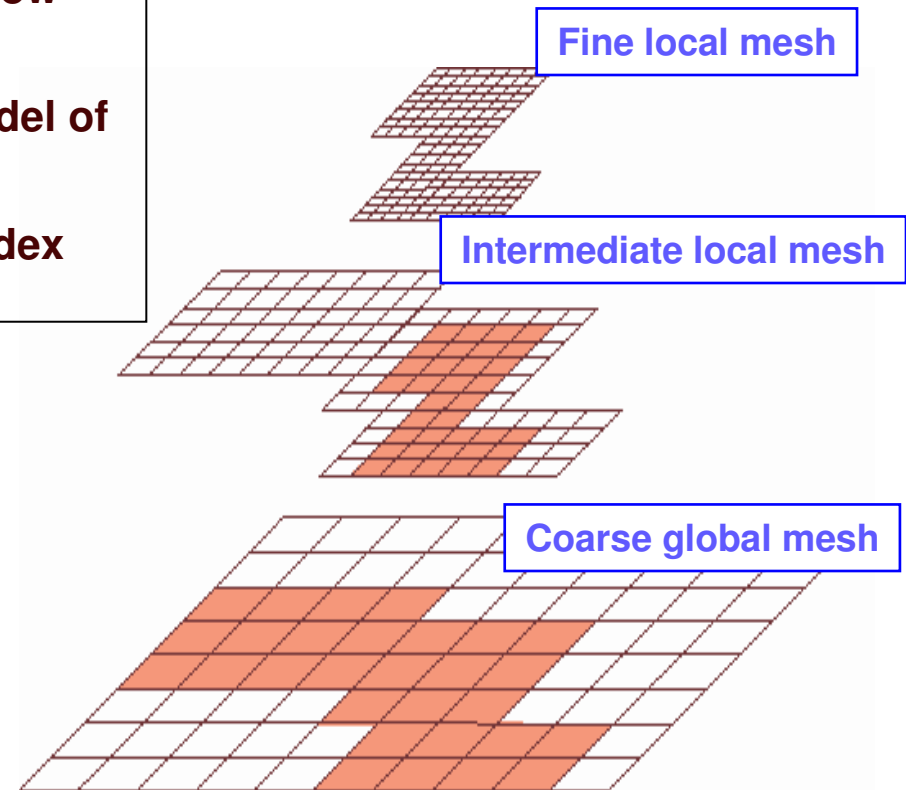
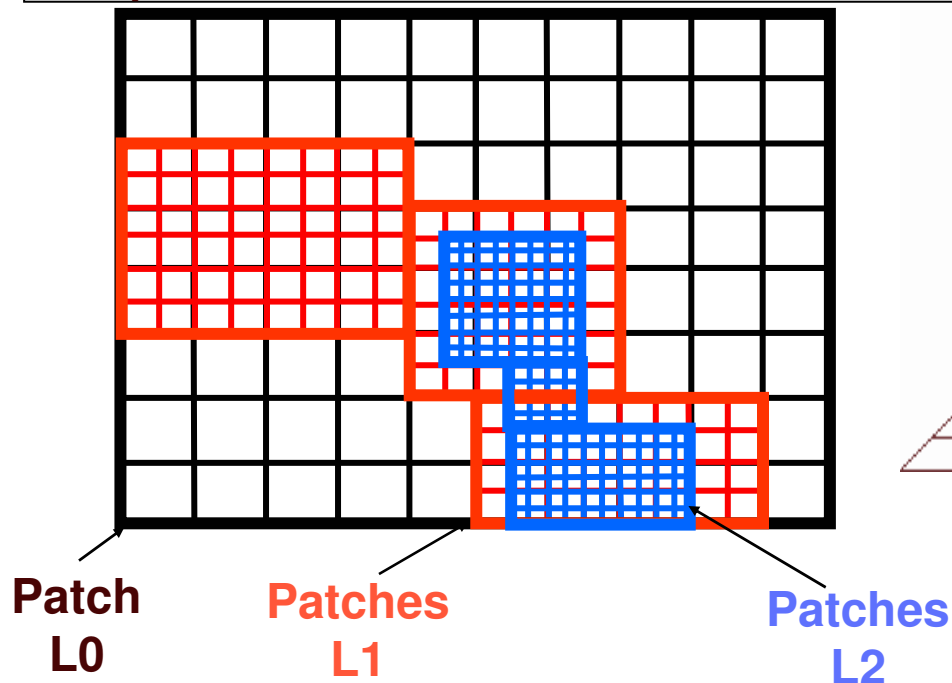
Richtmeyer-Meshkov instability  
Hybrid Continuum Particle



Richtmeyer-Meshkov instability  
ALE-AMR

# Structured AMR (SAMR) employs a “patch” hierarchy

- Hierarchy of nested “patch” levels → low overhead mesh description
- Data mapped to patches → simple model of data locality
- Patches cover logically rectangular index space

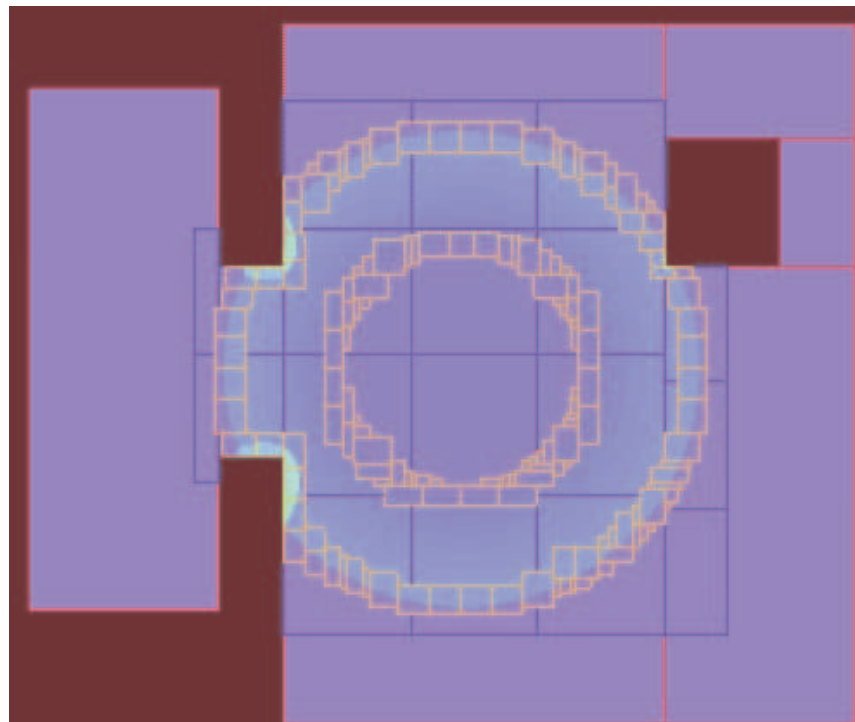


Berger, Oliger, Colella

# SAMRAI manages many of the complexities of SAMR implementations

## SAMRAI Provides:

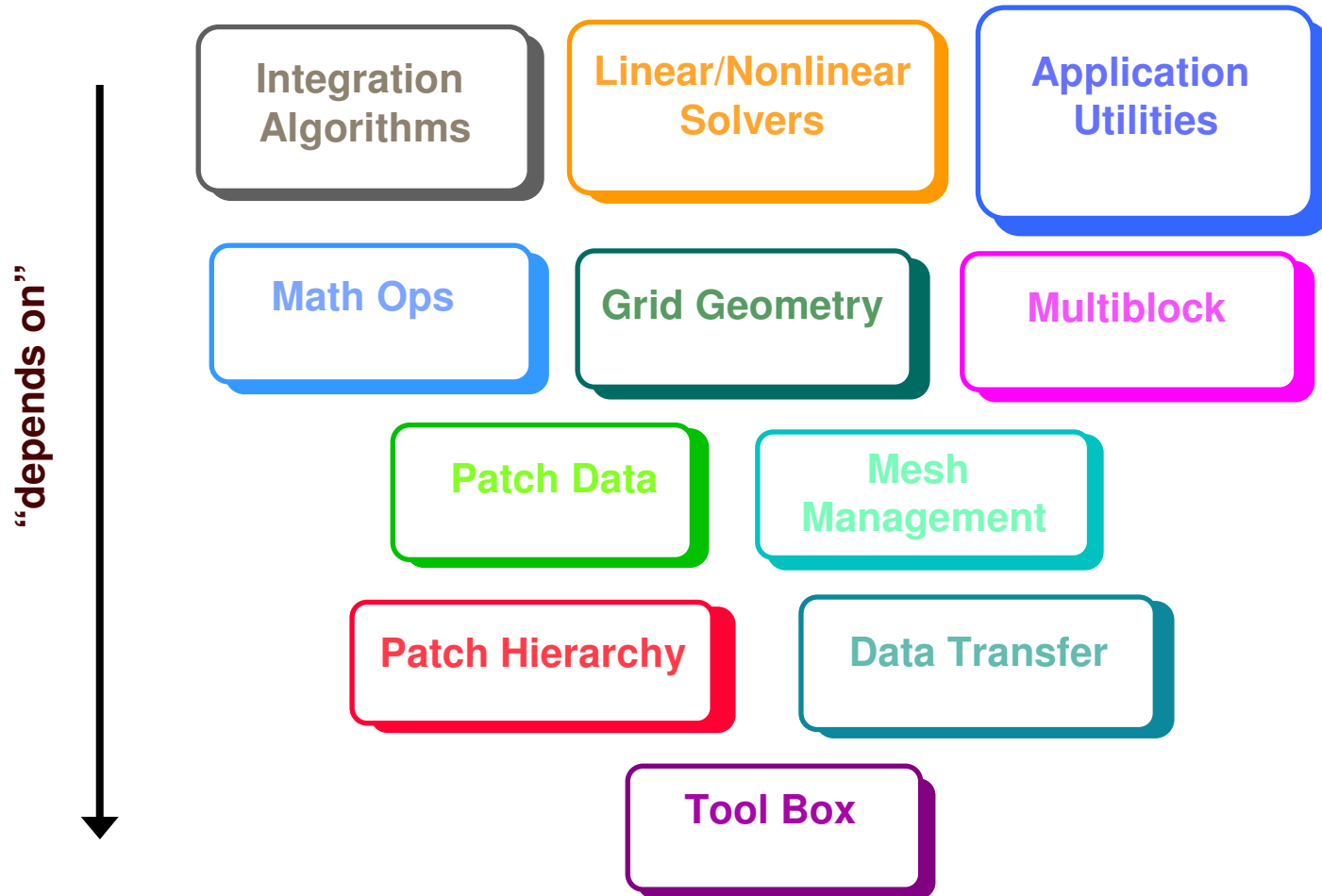
- Parallel communication (MPI)
- Dynamic gridding support
- Inter-patch data transfer operations (copy, coarsen, refine, time int, ...)
- Solver interfaces for SAMR data (PetSc, hypre, pvtol)
- Checkpointing and restart (HDF5)
- Visualization support (VisIt)



## User provides:

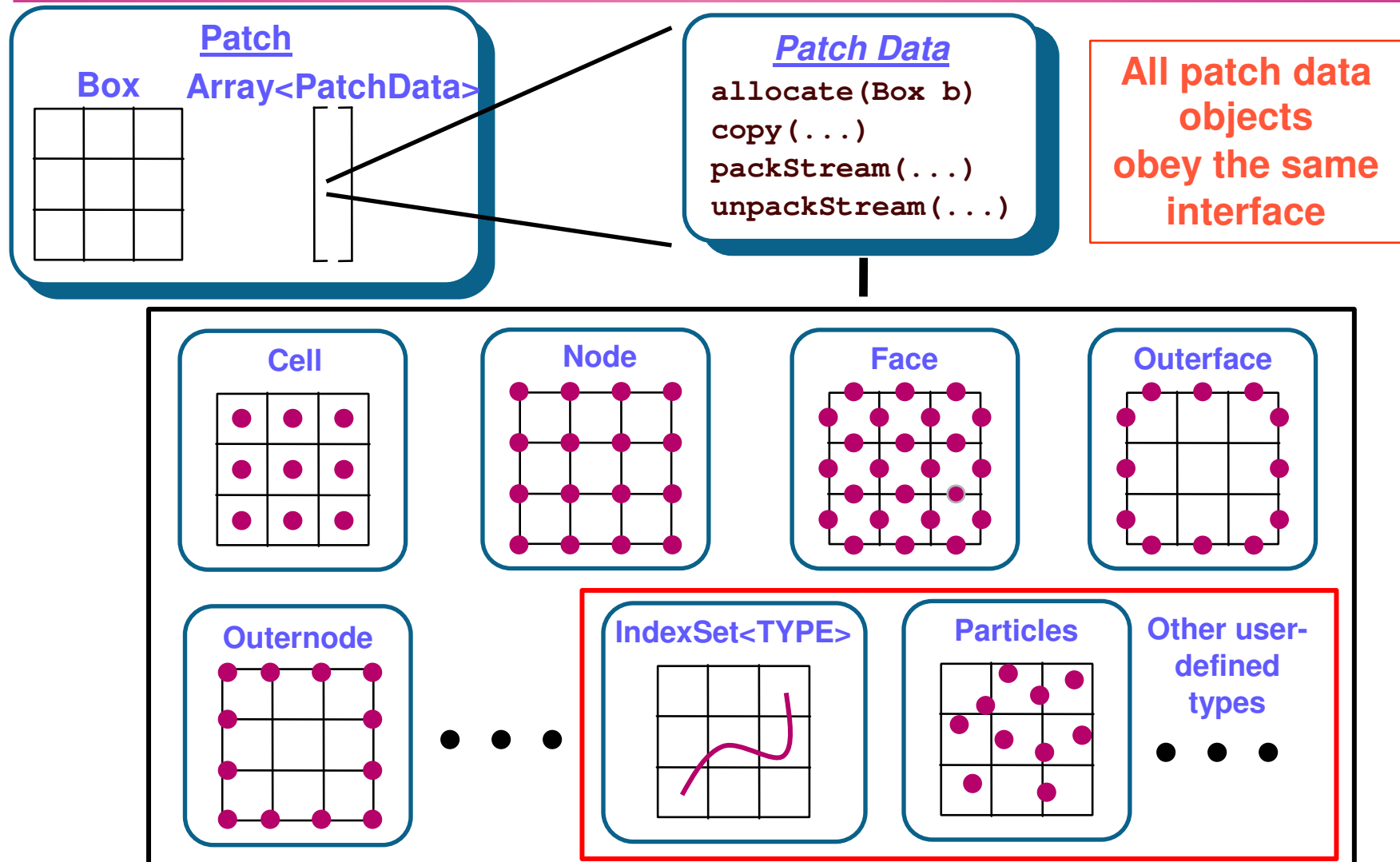
- (serial) numerical routines for individual patches
- Composition of SAMRAI classes to implement desired algorithm.

# SAMRAI is an object-oriented “toolbox” of classes for SAMR application development



Hornung, Kohn, “Managing Application Complexity in the SAMRAI Object-oriented Framework”, *Concurrency Computat.: Pract. Exper.* **14**:347-368 (2002)

# A SAMRAI "patch" contains all data on a box region of the computational mesh



# SAMRAI *Variable* and *PatchData* delineate “static” and “dynamic” data concepts

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Solution algorithms and variables tend to be static

## Variable object

- defines a data quantity; type, (centering), (depth)
- attributes:
  - name (string)
  - unique instance id (int)
- *Variable* objects generally persist throughout computation

Mesh and data objects tend to be dynamic

## PatchData object

- represents data on a “box”
- attributes:
  - box
  - ghost cell width
- Attributes facilitate construction of communication dependencies
- *PatchData* objects are created and destroyed as mesh changes



# *Comm. Algorithm and Schedule: “static” and “dynamic” communication concepts*

**Solution algorithms and variables tend to be static**

- **Communication Algorithm**
  - describes data transfer phase of computation
  - expressed using variables, operators, ...
  - independent of mesh
  - typically persists throughout computation

**Mesh and data objects tend to be dynamic**

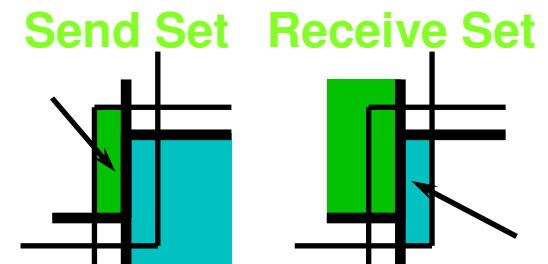
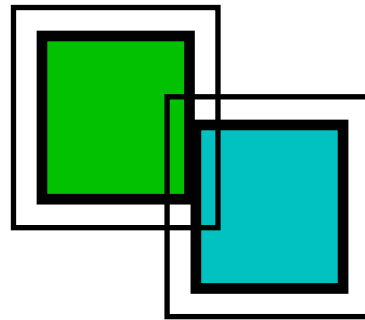
- **Communication Schedule**
  - manages details of data movement on mesh
  - created by communication algorithm
  - depends on mesh
  - re-created when mesh changes

## **Compare with...**

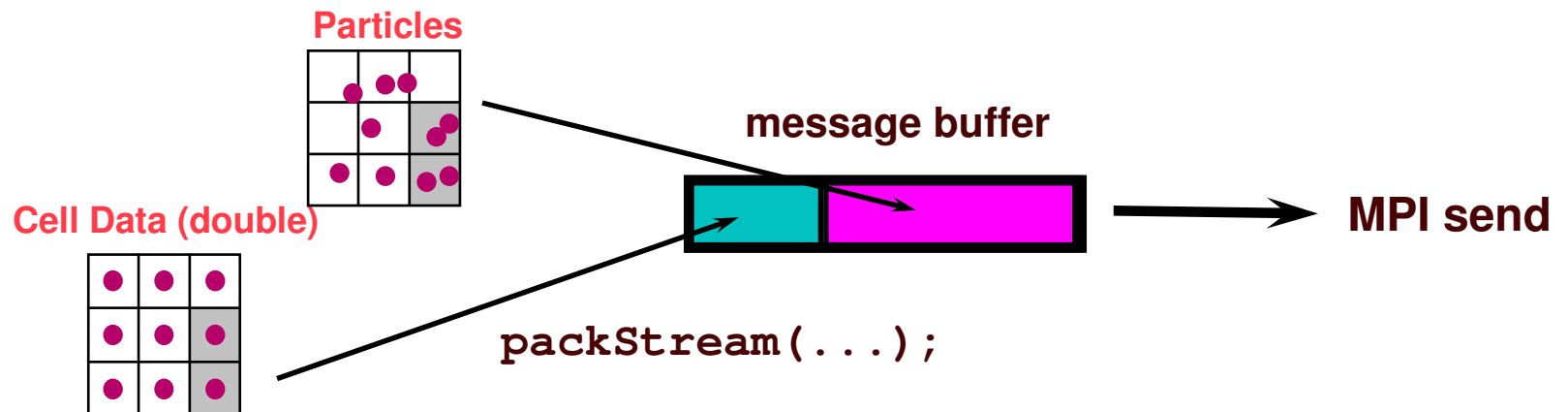
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# Communication schedules create and store data dependencies

- Amortize cost of creating send/receive sets over multiple communication cycles

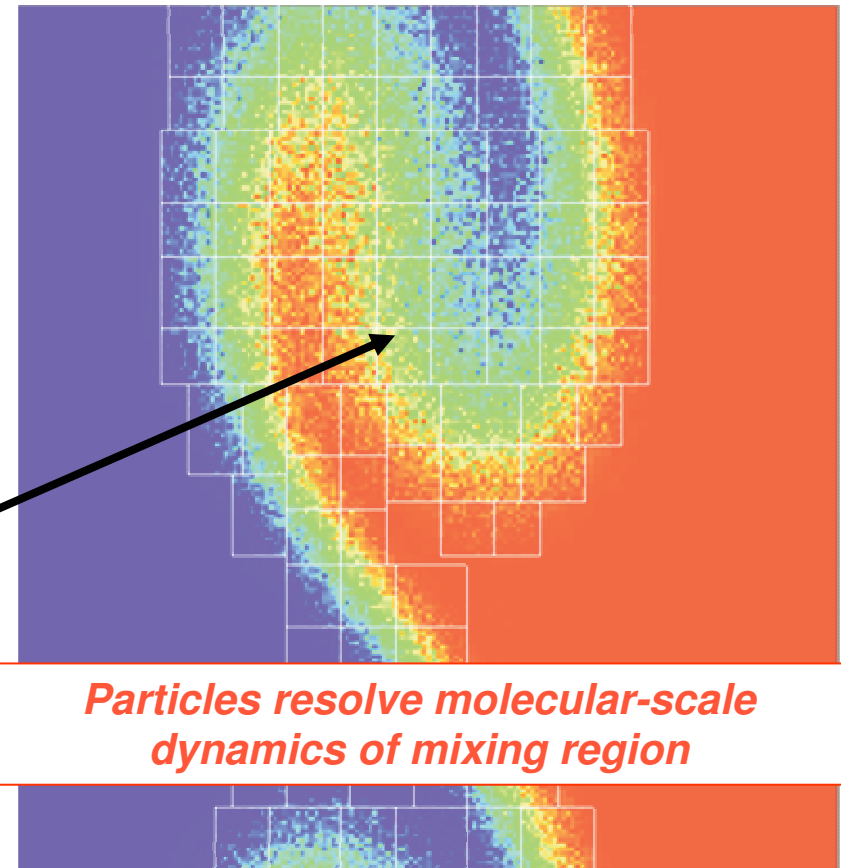
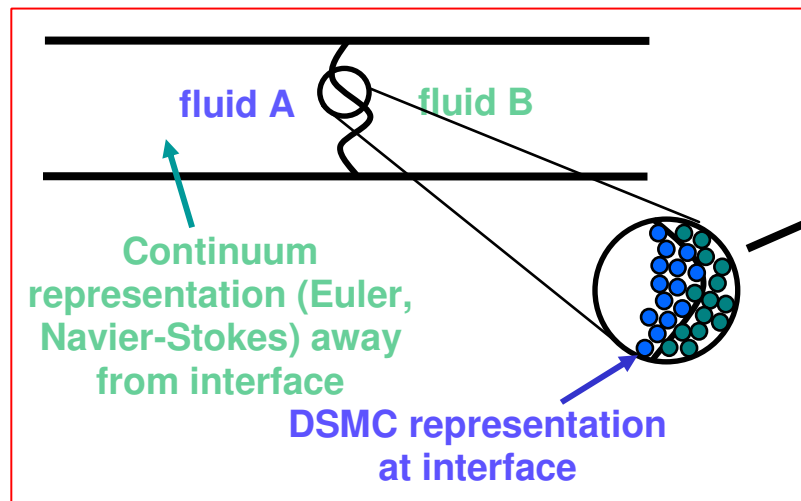


- Data from various sources packed into single message stream
  - supports complicated variable-length data
  - one send per processor pair (low latency)



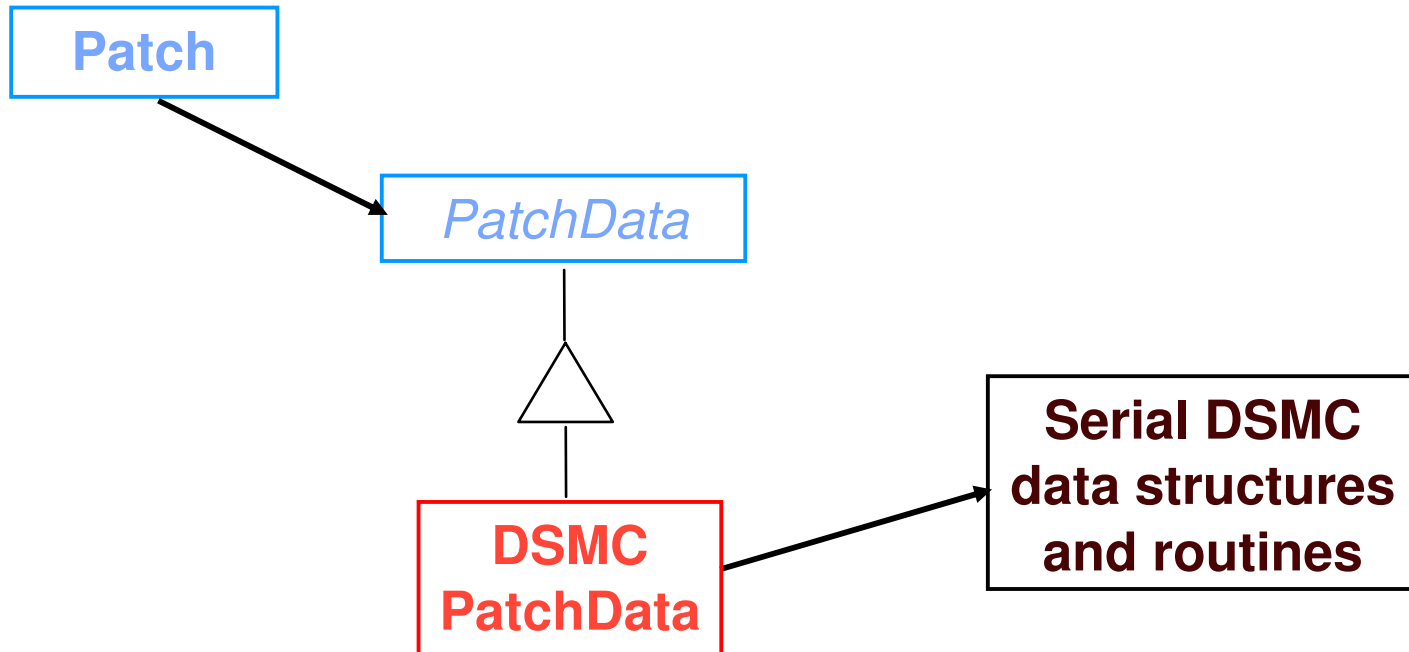
# Adaptive Mesh and Algorithm Refinement (AMAR) refines mesh and numerical model

- AMR is used to refine continuum calculation and focus particles
- Algorithm switches to discrete atomistic method to include physics absent in continuum model



Wijesinghe, Hornung, Garcia, Hadjiconstantinou, “Three-dimensional Hybrid Continuum-Atomistic Simulations for Multiscale Hydrodynamics”, *J. Fluid. Eng.*, **126**:768-777 (Sept 2004).

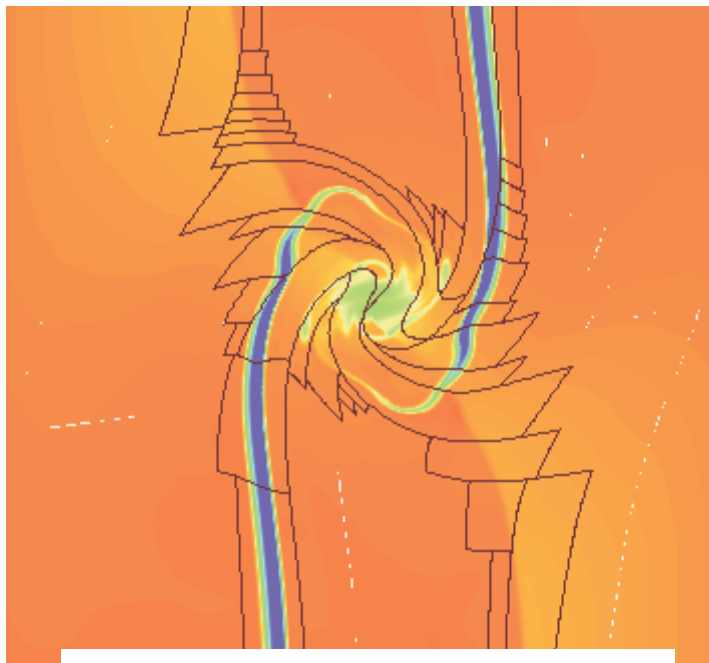
# Pre-existing particle data structures coupled to SAMRAI via patch data interface



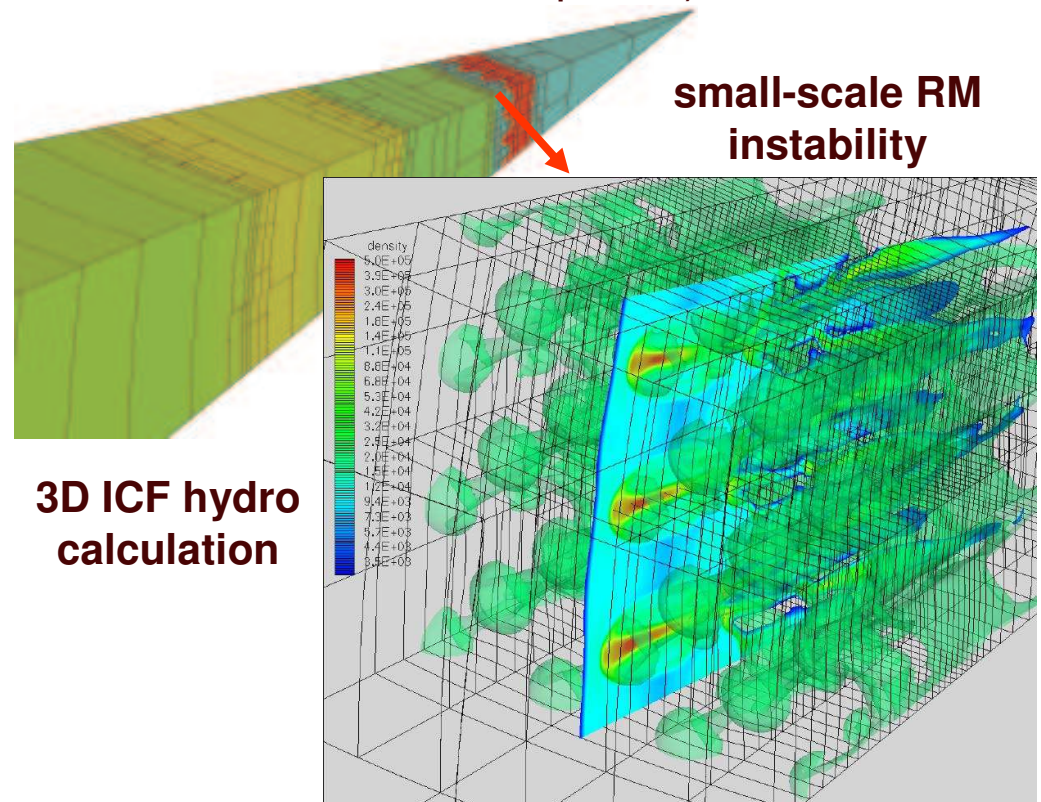
```
DsmcPatchData* particles = patch->getPatchData(. . .);  
particles->advance(dt);
```

# ALE-AMR combines ALE integration with AMR

- Advantages of ALE (multiple materials, moving interfaces)
- Advantages of AMR (dynamic addition & removal of mesh points)



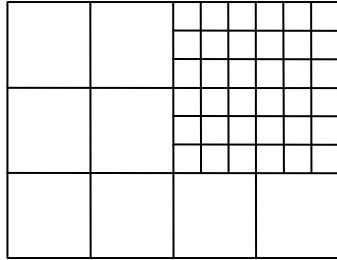
**Moving-deforming AMR grid**



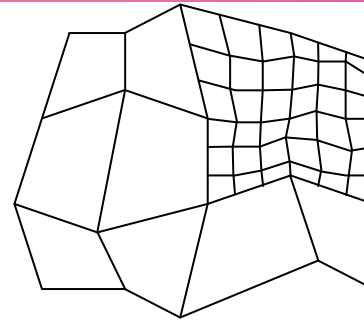
**3D ICF hydro calculation**

Anderson, Elliott, Pember, "An Arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian Methods with Adaptive Mesh Refinement for the Solution of the Euler Equations", *J. Comp. Phys.* **199**(2): 598-617 (2004).

# Deforming grids in ALE-AMR managed by specializing SAMRAI grid geometry



Manages “index space” coordinates



Manages “physical space” coordinates

PatchHierarchy

GridGeometry

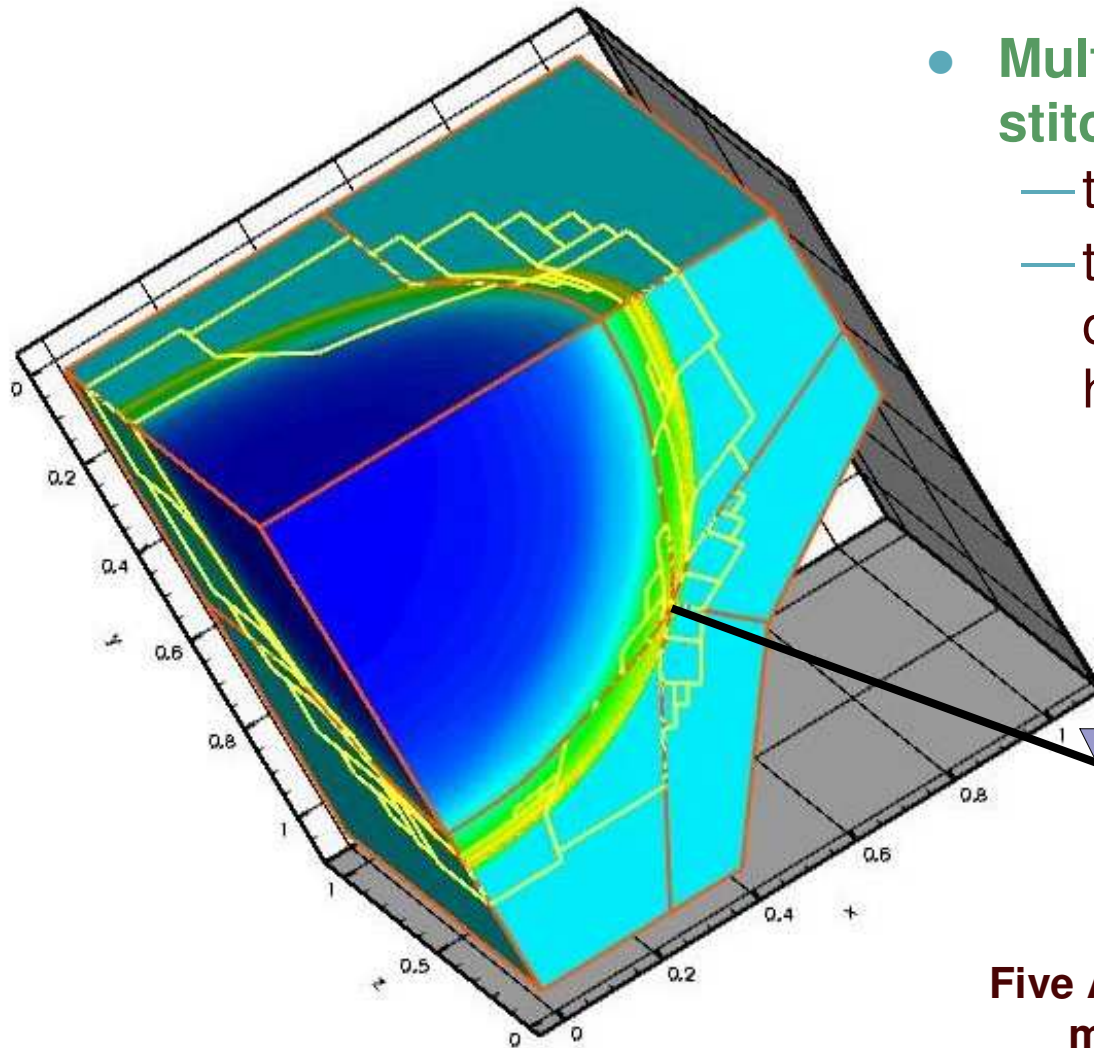
CartesianGrid  
Geometry

DeformingGrid  
Geometry

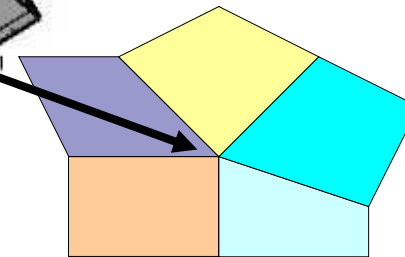
Utilizes all the other features of SAMRAI:

- parallel communication
- adaptive gridding
- solver interfaces
- etc.

# SAMRAI “multiblock” capability supports multiple patch hierarchies



- **Multiple index spaces stitched together**
  - translations & rotations
  - transparent data communication between hierarchies

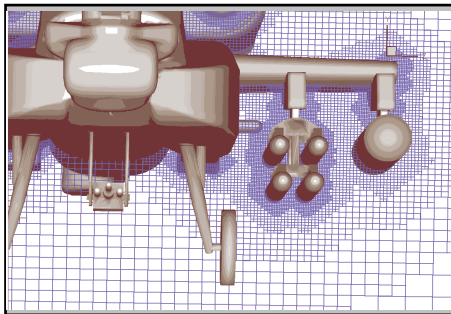


**Five AMR patch hierarchies meet at single point**



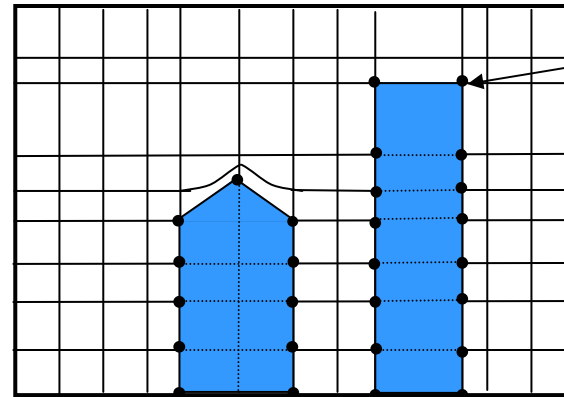
# SAMRAI supports Cartesian Embedded Boundary grid representations

- Constructing body-fitted logically rectangular grids is tedious and expensive.
- Embedded boundary grids constructed automatically in SAMRAI
  - Built from polygons or from surface triangulation using CUBES



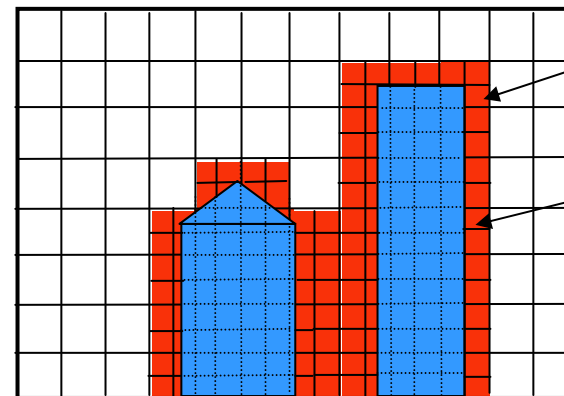
Example embedded boundary mesh constructed with CUBES

M. Berger, Courant Inst./NASA Ames



Body-fitted grid

Gridlines follow building boundaries



Embedded Boundary Grid

Cut cells

Mesh refinement



# SAMRAI index data supports embedded boundary as “patch data”

- *IndexVariable* and *IndexData* classes manage data quantities on irregular index sets

```
IndexVariable<TYPE> ivar("name")
```

```
IndexData<TYPE> idata(Box& box, ghosts)
```

**“TYPE”**

## Required methods

```
TYPE ()
```

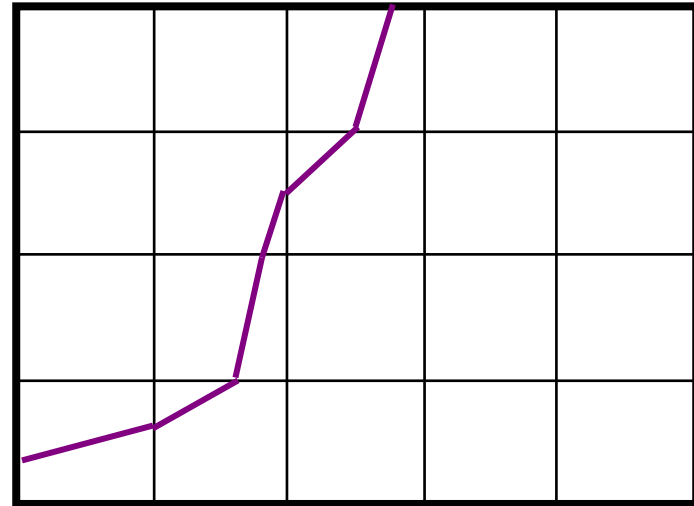
```
TYPE& operator=(const TYPE&)
```

```
getDataStreamSize(Box&)
```

```
packStream(...)
```

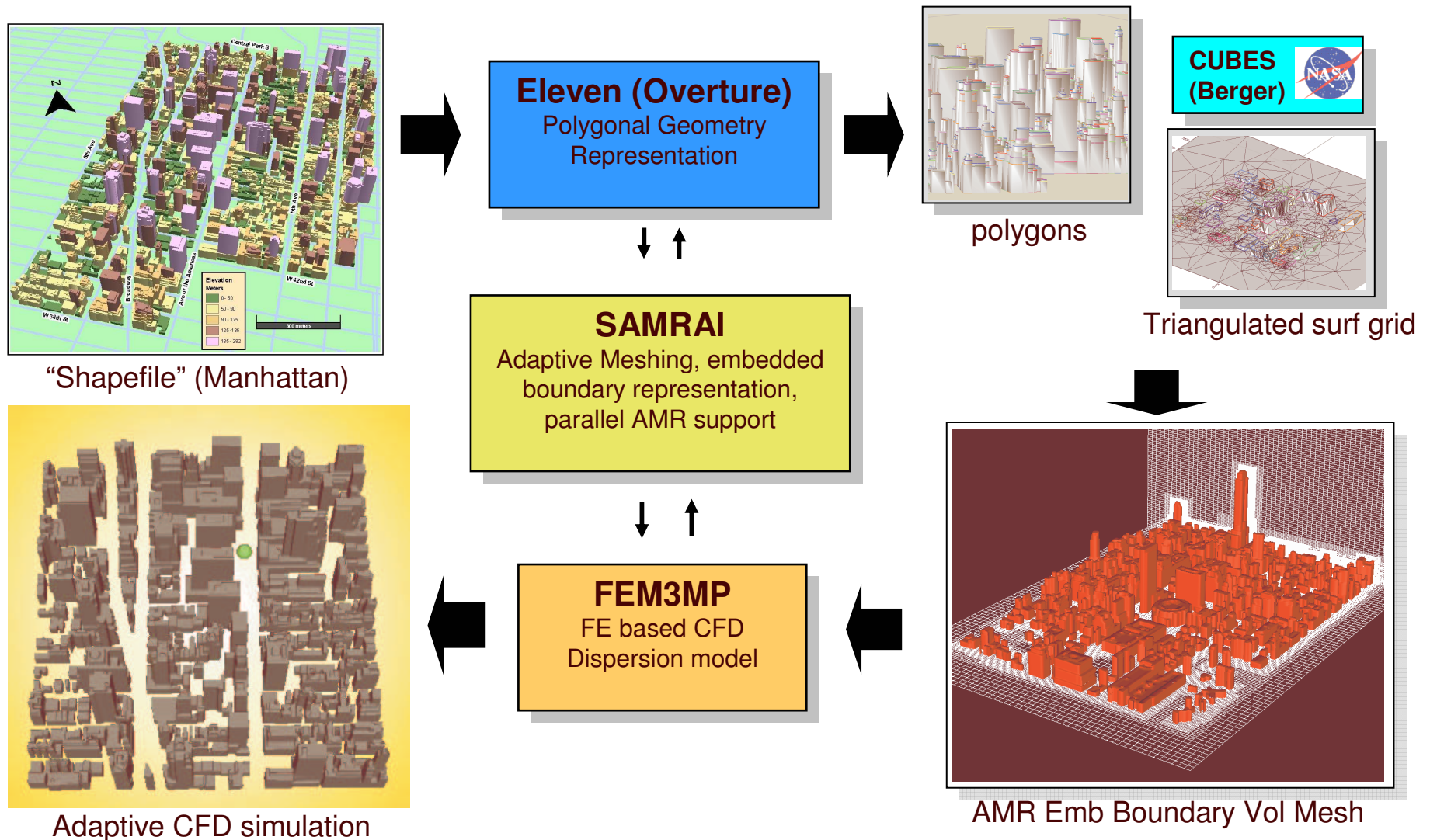
```
unpackStream(...)
```

e.g.

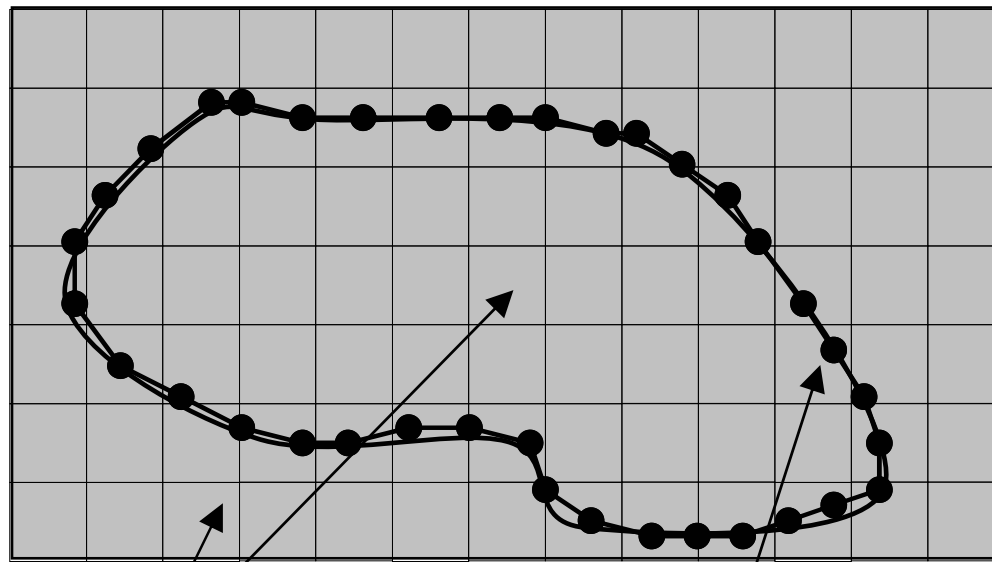


**CutCell** type describes internal boundary and state information along boundary

# AUDIM applying adaptive meshing for CFD Urban Dispersion Modeling

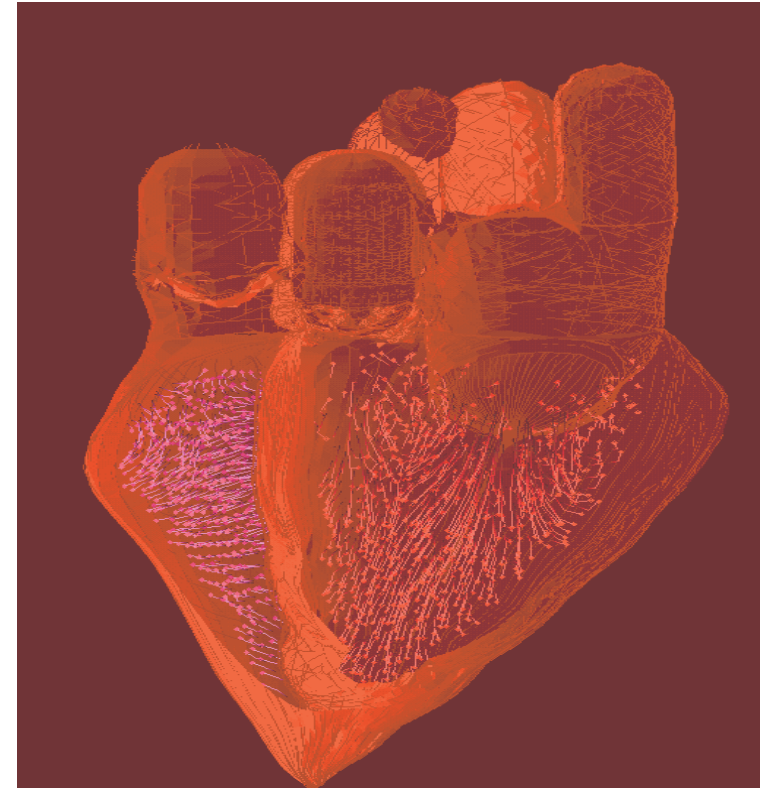


# Immersed boundary methods model fluid structure interactions



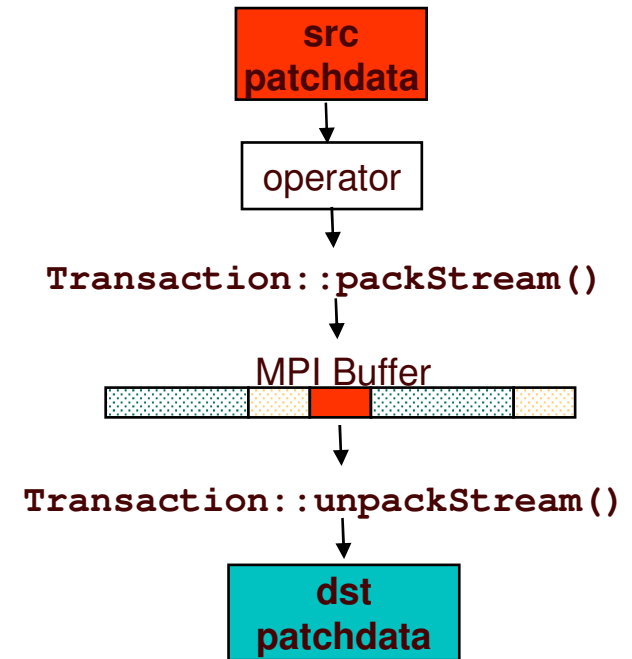
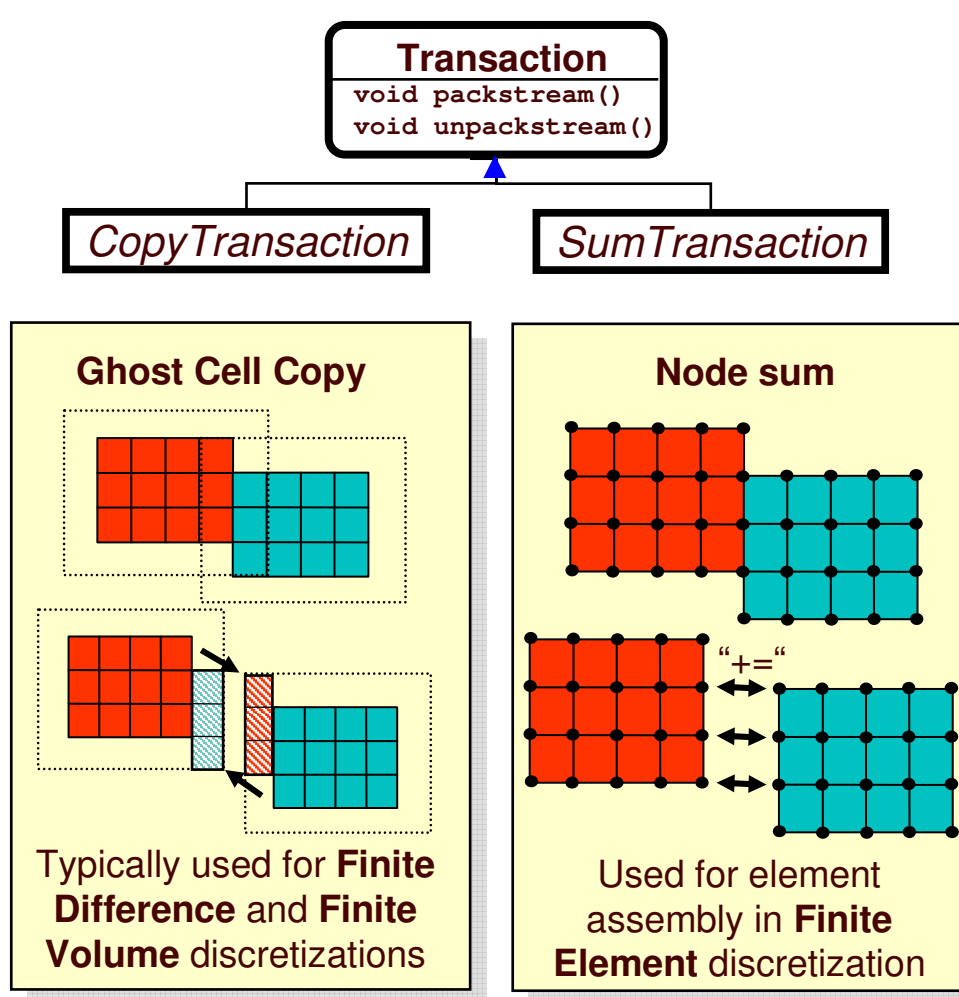
Fluid domain:  
 $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t), p(\mathbf{x},t), \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x},t)$

Structure domain:  
 $\mathbf{X}(s,t), \mathbf{F}(s,t)$



Griffith, Peskin (NYU) are developing an electrical-mechanical heart model combining immersed boundaries and AMR (SAMRAI)

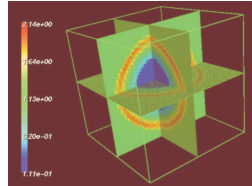
# Communication specialized for finite-element based operations



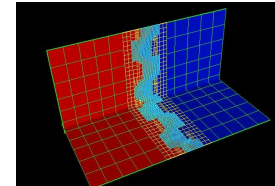
- “Sum” transactions used for finite element calculations
  - Used across multiple levels for AMR
  - Node & Edge sum available

# SAMRAI supports applications on large parallel platforms

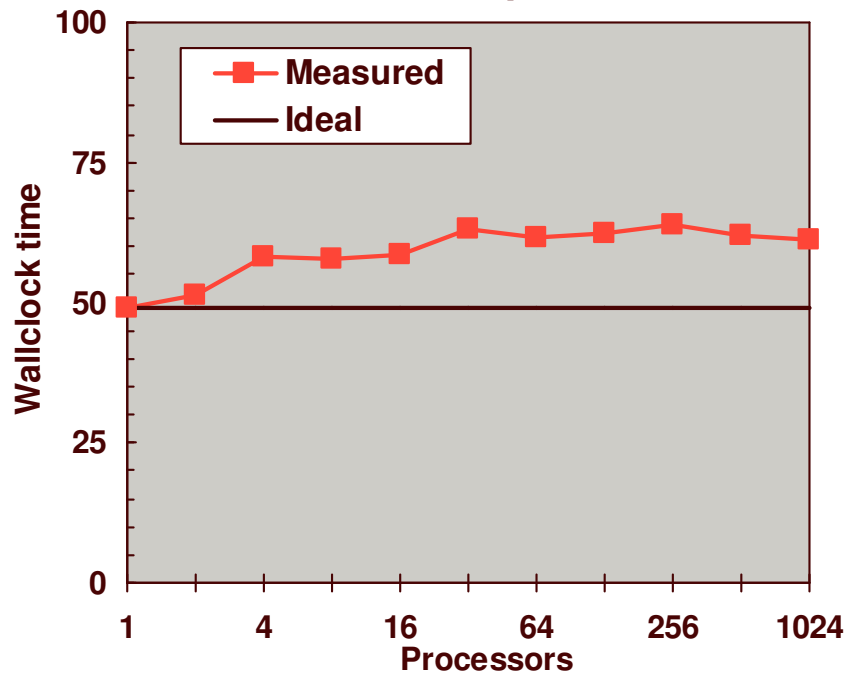
Scaled Euler Hydrodynamics  
IBM Blue Pacific



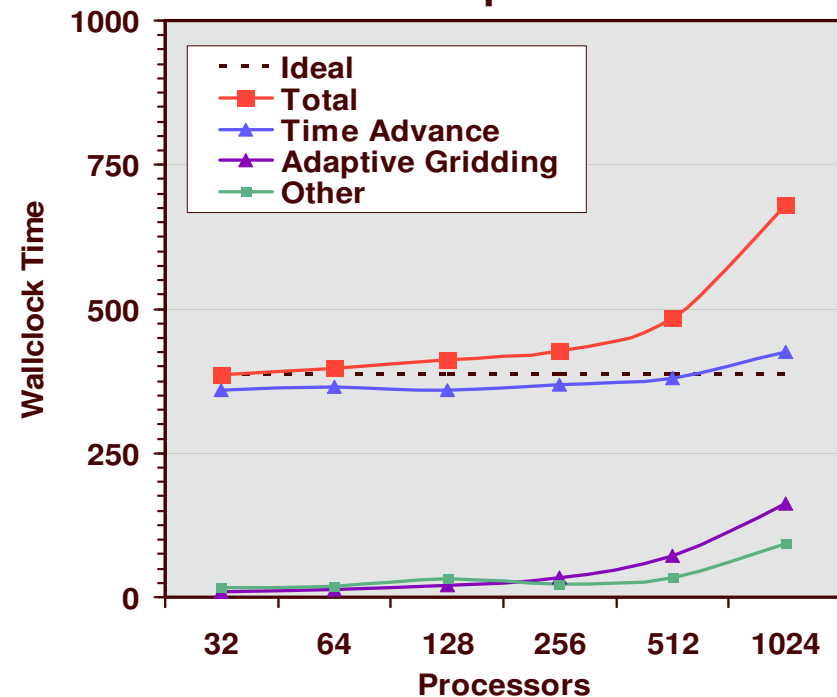
Scaled Linear Advection  
Linux MCR Cluster



Non-adaptive



Adaptive



Wissink, Hysom, Hornung, "Enhancing Scalability of Parallel Structured AMR Calculations", *2003 Int. Conf. on Supercomputing (ICS03)*, San Francisco, CA, June 2003, pp. 336-347.

# Concluding remarks

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- **AMR is an important technology for large-scale science & engineering problems that require greater resolution of localized features**
- **New applications require expansion of current AMR methodologies**
  - Model refinement in addition to grid refinement
  - Support for variety of data representations and non-Cartesian grids
  - Complex geometries
  - Efficiency on large-scale parallel architectures
- **AMR libraries must effectively interoperate with other software packages – solver libraries, grid generation packages, etc.**